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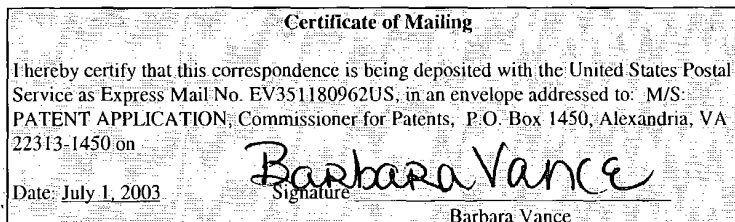
PARENT APPLICATION  
FILED : November 8, 2001

FOR : A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IMPROVING  
AN INTEGRATED CIRCUIT DEVICE

GROUP ART UNIT : 2829

EXAMINER : Scott B. GEYER

M/S: PATENT APPLICATION  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 30, 2002, please cancel claims 1-2 and 5-17 in this Divisional application leaving claims 3-4 and 18-27, prior to calculating fees.

Applicant elected to prosecute claims 1-2 and 5-17 (Group I) in the parent application and filed this Divisional application to prosecute the remaining claims, 3-4 and 18-27 (Group II).

This application claims benefit of the November 8, 2001 filing date of the parent application.

**Amendments to the Specification** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begins on page 4 of this paper.